granted. Of the remaining, 111 have been rejected or otherwise dispose of and 50 are at various stages of processing.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) During the period 1988 to 1990 (upto June) 48 Industrial Licences have been issued for setting up Industrial Undertakings in West Bengal.

Holding of shares by MRTP companies in the Non-MRTP companies

1396. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of MRTP companies hold shares in non-MRTP companies ;

(b) if so, what is the combined share of each of Houses in these non-MRTP companies ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that persons on the Board of MRTP companies hold directorship in many other non-MRTP companies ; and

(d) if so, what is the extent of control exercised by the MRTP Houses where they have shareholding and/or directorships ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total investments of the MRTP companies formed only 4.15% of their total assets in 1987-88. The time and efforts involved in computing the combined share of each of these companies in non-MRTP ones will not be commensurate with the benefits to be realised.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) If a MRTP company or companies belonging to a MRTP House together hold not less than one-fourth equity shares of another company, their undertakings are interconnected.

Further, if one or more directors of MRTP company, independently or together with their relatives or employees of the MRTP company, constitute or constituted within a period of six months, one-fourth of Board of Directors of another company, the undertakings of these companies are also interconnected.

These are some of the forms of interconnection involving the criteria of shareholding and directorship through which MRTP Houses may exercise control.

Proposal to reserve production of consumer goods for small and tiny sector industries

1397. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to reserve production of consumer goods for small and tiny sector industries ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that at present consumer goods are mostly produced by multi-national companies due to which the small and tiny sector industries have been adversely affected ; and

(c) whether Government propose to make further changes in the existing industrial policy to boost small and tiny sector industries; if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) In the Statement laid in Parliament on 31st May, 1990 it is mentioned that presently, 836 items have been reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector. Efforts would be made to identify more items amenable to similar reservation.

(b) Consumer goods are being manufactured both by small scale and large scale undertakings including multi-national companies. However, if an industrial undertaking other than a small scale industrial undertaking was manufacturing any consumer goods reserved for exclusive development in the small scale sector prior to the date of reservation of that item, it can continue to manufacture the item after getting the productive capacity endorsed in the industrial licence or registration certificate, as the case may be as per the specified condition. Such capacity in the licence/registration is pegged at the best production level achieved by that undertaking in the three years preceding the date of reservation of the item.

(c) In the statement laid in Parliament on 31st May, 1990, Government has outlined various measures for promotion of small scale and Agro based Industries. These measures are for re-orienting industrial growth to serve objectives of employment generation, dispersal of industries in rural areas and to enhance the contribution of the small scale industries to exports.

Proposal to delicence photographic materials

1398. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Hindustan Photo Film Manufacturing Company, a Public Sector Undertaking has arbitarily increased the prices of black and white and colour films and paper, medical X-Ray films, graphic art films and cine films ;

(b) whether in view of monopoly of HPF in the manufacture of photographic material, Government propose to delicence the photographic material ; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) Due to increase in raw material costs, exchange rate variation, increase in overheads etc. HPF had to revise the selling price of graphic art Films, Roll Films, Cine Colour Films, X-ray Films etc. with effect from 31-3-1990.

(b) and (c) Apart from HPF, other firms are also undertaking manufacture/conversion of Photo sensitised goods. At present, there is no move to delicense the photo sensitised goods industry as letters of intent/licences have been issued to various parties for integrated manufacture of X-ray films, graphic art films and Cine films.

Maintenance of cost data of products by companies

1399. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what are the products for which cost data is being maintained by companies ; and

(b) what is the policy with regard to sharing of this information with research institutions ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) : (a) Products in respect of which cost